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TITLE:

TEST DEVICE AND METHOD FOR COLORED PARTICLE
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed on August 13, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, please extend the date for response by three months up to and including February 13, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action, along with the required fee, are submitted herewith.

For the reasons discussed below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection made in the Office action.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 40-55 as follows:

40. (New) A test device for determining the presence of a ligand in a liquid sample, the device comprising:

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